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Stafford-Shires  
**MISERY,**  
**SET FORTH**

IN

A true Relation of the Barbarous Cru-  
elty of the **FORCES** Raised against  
the **PARLIAMENT**.

SENT

In a Letter from **STAFFORD**, by Captaine  
*William Robinson*, to a Gentleman in **LONDON**,  
and to be presented to Mr. **SPEAKER**.

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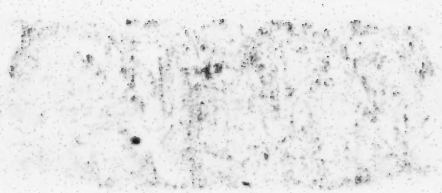
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STAFFORD-SHIRE'S Misery:

Set forth in a true

RELATION  
FROM  
STAFFORD.

**T**HE conuenience of this  
Meffenger, inbites me to  
alter my resolution, which  
was to have silenced my  
penne, untill it could have  
reported some Newes, which you and  
my other Friends could have took con-  
tent in: But fearing least you should be  
too much delected by our Enemyes va-  
pouring of a great Victory obtained  
againft our Stafford-shire Forces (for they  
always



allwayes represent their good successes  
 in a multiplying glasse, and their bad  
 ones in the wrong end of the perspec-  
 tive.) I will faithfully, though accor-  
 ding to the Posts haste, give you a Re-  
 lation of the Afflictions God was plea-  
 sed to lay upon us at <sup>Burton</sup>. The Queens  
 Army coming to Ashby, presently  
 made it their Care to free the Inhabi-  
 tants of <sup>Burton</sup> (Who are generally well  
 affected to the Parliament) from the op-  
 pression of the Protestants their friends:  
 and therefore sent 27 Colours of Foote,  
 and about 10 Colours of Horse, to doe  
 Execution (according to the knowne  
 Lawes of the Land) upon the Parlia-  
 ment Forces residing there: They fa-  
 ced it upon Thursday last, first with their  
 Horse by breake of day in the Morning,  
 who were forced to Retreat, after ward  
 about 5. and 5 of the Clocke they retur-  
 ned with the Foote: presently the Ser-  
 vice began to grow very hot, the Town  
 having beene twice Summoned by a  
 Trumpet

Trumpet to peeld, but bravely resolved to fight it out, which they did, till it was neere six a Clocke at Night, with the losse onely of 4 or 5 Men, and slew as I am credibly informed by those who were in the fight, divers hundreds of the Enemy: Our Souldiers Musquets grew so hot, that very many of them flew in pieces; very many more had their hands blistered, meerly with the heat of pieces.

The Enemy was resolved to have the Town, though it cost them never so deare, and therefore exposed their men (according to their vaine like Beasts to the slaughter, which our Souldiers soone perceiving, used their advantage freely; till at last being wearied with killing, tired with the whole dayes service, and oppressed by an overbearing Multitude of the Enemy, they were driven from their Guards, and then soon left the Town.

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tenant Colonell Saunders, Captaine Wat-  
 son, and diuers other Commanders,  
 Whom I am not acquainted with, all  
 men neuer enough to be honoured, after  
 Quarter demanded and granted, after  
 all uery grievously wounded; and we  
 cannot yet learn who are dead, and who  
 living of them.

Our Foot Souldiers after Quarter  
 promised, they put up in the Tower  
 of the Church, where the Bells hanged,  
 and then blew up the Tower with  
 Gunpowder: but through Gods infi-  
 nite mercy to the admiration of all men,  
 they were all preserved from death, ex-  
 cept 10 or 12. though many wounded;  
 the violence of the blow opened the  
 Church doores, and none durst come  
 neare: most of them escaped.

The Townsmen escaped not much  
 better; for they wounded many, killed  
 many and spoiled all: and when they  
 had left the Town not worth 6. pence,  
 they



they set it on fire. Thus the Scripture  
 is fulfilled, The mercies of the wicked are  
 cruelty. See what the whole Kindome  
 is to expect from the Moores, Mal-  
 loons, French, Spanish and Irish, who  
 are called into the Land to be Asser-  
 tours of the Protestant Religion, the  
 known Lawes of the Land, the iust  
 Priviledges of parliament, and the Li-  
 berty of the Subject.

We had about 200. Souldiers, one  
 iron Piece one Case of little Pieces, and  
 one small Drake in Burton. Many of the  
 Foot Souldies escaped, but few of the  
 Commandes; and most of the Towns-  
 men of any quality were carryed away  
 prisoners.

We expect that Army every hoire at  
 Stafford, and prepare for their entertain-  
 ment. Ever since my departure from  
 London, I have been perpetually upon  
 service, for these 6. or 7. Dayes hunting  
 the Cavaliers of this County, and those  
 of the Lord Capells Army, which lyes  
 upon

upon this County now from place to place. We heare that the Lord Capill's Forces, Collonell Sands, and Collonell Chudleys, are all to meet the Queens this day, or to morrow, and when they have played their Rex in these parts, are all to march up to the King to Oxford. If the Armyes in the West move by the same Compasse, the businesse at Oxford will prove difficult. except the Question be stated before their comming. As oft as God shall please to grant opportunities you shall heare how things stand where I am.

If you are known to Mr. Speaker, present my humble service to him, and relate this unto him, which I would have done my selfe, could the Messengers time have given me leave.

**Finis.**